

RESOLUTIONS-2024
RESOLUTION #19

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PAGE: Part III - Penal Code
Section 2136

PURPOSE: To add a section to explain how to amend the Penal Code, to match the same sections in the Constitution and the By-laws of The Grand Chapter of Washington.

TEXT OF REVISION:

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WHICH WHEN PRINTED IN THE NEXT REVISION WOULD READ:

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